Only to lie at her feet. Ah! that the bards should sing, And wall for the golden years; Love was and is but an idle thing, 'Tis but a wind that voers. ...

And earth in her beauty and pride, Held her Hos to the woolng sun; He said, "Thou art fair, oh, my bride," And she sang, "I am thine alone." The faithful sea at her faithless foot Rolled with a broken moan: 'Oh, sun !" be cried, "but thy bride is swee And I am alone, aloce!'

Ah I that the bard should sing, And wail for the golden years; Love was and is but an idle thing, 'Tis but a wind that veers.

Oft would the sun depart, And his bride in her gloom made moan, And the sea would cry that her loving heart Should be left to pine alone. And his voice is strange and sad and sweet. "Oh! love, not mine! not mine! I am content to lie at thy feet,

And to love thee in storm and shine !" Ah! that the bards should sing, And wall for the golden years; Love was and is but an idle thing, 'Tis but a wind that veers.

THE INDIAN MAIDEN.

About the year 1763, the celebrated chieftain Pontiac, with a large number of warriors, women and children, en-camped at Detroit, in the vicinity of a fort garrisoned by three hundred men, ago." and commanded by Major Gladwin. "It From the first amicable relations had een established, and so much friendliess and good will had been manifested on the part of the Indians that the entire confidence and trust of the commander had been gained. Unrestricted trade was carried on, for the former brought many commodities which they seemed anxious to dispose of, and which were not unacceptable to the garrison for the supply of their wants.

One day, soon after their encampment, Major Gladwin was within the fort, conferring with one of the officers respecting a measure upon which he was undecided, when a messenger from their now neighbors was announced. Orders were given for his admittance, and immediately a tall, majestic-looking Indian made his appearance.

"What does my red brother wish?" said the major, after the usual formalities of greeting had been interchanged. "I come from the great war-chief, Pontiac," he replied. "Last night our chiefs and warriors sat long over the council fire. They talked of you, brother."

"Return my thanks for the remem brance," rejoined Gladwin, as the Indian paused, as if awaiting some re-

"The great chief would be on still more friendly terms with his white brothers. He would eat with him, he would drink with him he would smoke the pipe of peace," resumed the red man. "He is not unmindful of the kindness of the pale faces, and, in person, would make new promises of friendship and speak his thanks. This is his message. Shall his wish be granted?"

"Assuredly," answered the commandant, without the least hesitation. "I am grateful for this new instance of friendship on the part of your chief, and willingly assent to a meeting which will tend to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, and make still brighter the chain of peace between us. Tomorrow, at ten, we will be in readiness."

"The white chief is good," said the Indian with dignity. "It is well. I will return to my people," and turning abruptly he left the fort.

Major Gladwin congratulated himself on this additional instance of goodwill on the part of Pontiae, for it argued well for the future, and he knew the advantages of remaining on good terms with such a powerful chief too well to let an opportunity pass of satisfying them of his peaceable intentions. He was not sorry they were to meet, as he surmised such a measure could not have otherwise than a good effect; it would indeed "brighten the links in the golden chain of peace," and put them on a

more familiar footing with each other. He was sitting, engaged in these reflections, when he felt a light touch on his shoulder. Turning he beheld a beautiful Indian maiden standing quietly by his side,

"Ah! Minnis," he exclaimed, cordialy grasping her hand and smiling a welcome. "How you startled me! But you are as light of step all ever, that is why I was unaware of Jour presence. What news to-day P"

The maiden smiled sor ewhat gadly and for answer drew a pair of benutifel moorasins from beneath her blanket. and with native grace tendered them to the major. On a previous visit the latter had shown Minnis a curious elk akin, which she immediately offered to form into something useful as well as

ornamental, and this was the result. "They are beautiful, Minnis, very beautiful," said the commandant, earnestly, as he admiringly surveyed the ornamental workmanship. "I did not know you could make such pretty ones. I fear they cost you much time and

"If they please my white brother, I am glad. It was the best the poor Indian maiden could do," she replied.

only fear I shall not be able to repay rou," added the major. And saying this, he attempted to place a piece of money within her kand. But she alnost indignantly drew back, and peremptorily refused it.

"Minnis wishes no reward. The white chief has been kind to her, and the red maiden can show gratitude as well as her white sisters," was her proud

"Well, then, if you will not receive money I can at least thank you. And I shall insist that you keep the remainder of the skin which you have so conscientiously returned and make a pair for your own use," he added.

"As my white brother pleases," was the brief reply, as she mechanically took the skin. But the Indian maiden seemed reluctant to leave the room; her movements were slow and unwilling, and when Gladwin looked up and found himself alone he could not but remem. ber her sad, wistful, earnest looks, and her unusually melancholy appearance. This was unlike her, for she was generally in buoyant spirits and quite talkative during her visits to the whites. The major had taken an unusual interest in the maiden, for she was intelligent, apt, as well as beautiful in person, and manifested an uncommon desire to acquire s knowledge of civilized life.

As night came on, and the guard (whose business it was to close the gate) and see that no strangers were left within (were performing their duty. word was crought to the commandant that an Indian woman was lurking and keenly scrutin zed them, looking, about the fort. He directed them, in some surprise, to conduct her to his disappointed. presence, which was immediately done.

"Minnis!" he exclaimed, in astonishment. "I thought it was a stranger, as I imagined you had left some hours

"It is only me, brother," she replied.

"And why do you linger? The gates will soon be shut for the night. Can I do aught for you?" asked the major,

"I did not wish to take away the skin, as the white chief values it so highly," she answered, with evident embarrass-"But you did not make this objection

quite understand you, Minnis." The maiden seemed confused at this

remark, and dropped her eyes under the carnest gaze of her interrogator. "If I take the skin away to-night, the great captain will never see that nor the poor Indian maiden again," she at last

uttered, after a most painful pause. "And why not?" was the astonished

query. The maiden answered not, but looked quickly and suspiciously about the room. and then with noiseless step crossed the apartment and closed the door, which ment. was slightly ajar. This done, she returned to her former place.

"I don't know what to think, of this. Your conduct sadly puzzles me," said omitted, and Pontiac closed his speech the major, who had attentively observ- with many professions of friendship for But the grass thus left, although it often ed all these singular movements, and the English. thought he detected a desire on the part of Minnis to say something, were she not restrained by some powerful emotion. "Do not fear to tell me anything which you may consider as important for me to know, for you can fully confide in me," he added kindly. "You may unhesitatingly reveal it, and will run no risk of betraval."

"Did not my people visit you today?" she asked, still looking cautiously around, as though expecting one of her tribe to rise up before her with flashing eyes and revengeful looks.

"Yes; Pontiac sent a messenger, requesting to meet me in council, for the purpose of strengthening our friendship, and tomorrow was named a fitting time. was the rejoinder.

"It is a plot; Pontiac has decreed that the pale faces shall perish before another sun sinks in the west!" she whispered, while her slight figure trembled with

"Tell me all-tell me quickly?" cried Gladwin, much excited. "And if you fear harm, protection and safety will always be afforded you here."

"Tomorrow, when my people shat come to have a talk, they will speak fair, but yet be wary and cunning; and if my white brothers be not on their guard, the knife and tomahawk will do their work!" said Minnis, in a low, hurri-

"And is there not some siginal agreed upon?" earnestly asked the major.

"My people will come to the council with their guns shortened, that they may conceal them beneath their blaukets; and when the war-chief is making his speech, and draws forth his peace belt of wampum and presents it to the great captain, then they will fall upon

him and his men." "I have never doubted the sincerity of your friendship for the whites, and this noble instance of faithfulness confirms it," added Gladwin, with much feeling. "I can only repeat my thanks for the important service you have rendered me. Should your people discover that you have ever hinted this thing to me, I tremble for your safety; you will have nothing to hope and everything to fear. I do not need to say that if you will remain with us your happiness and well being will be my care, and if you go my good wishes will go with you."

"I will go," replied Minnis, briefly; and, after a few more questions on the part of the major, she was conducted without the fort and the gates securely

After imparting this important discovery to his officers and men, the commandant immediately began to make as much of the plot as he thought nec-"They do indeed please me, and I essary to the garrison, and instructed as seen there:-

them how to act at the approaching Surely you have heard council. He also sent messengers to all the traders in the vicinity of the fort. with directions to be upon their guard.

it was most fortunate that he had Of blooded cattle graze, and herces bred soon enough to allow him ample time for preparation; for the Indian girl had added as she left his presence, tha', while the "council" was sitting, many of the warriors would assemble within In velvet beauty-white its royal sweep the fort, armed alike, on the pretence of trading. Being "forewarned" they could be "fore-armed," and this could

be prezented. Although Major Gladwin had no particular fears for the result, yet when the morning dawned, and he auxiously cast his eyes toward the neighboring encampment, he looked ill at ease. In Lightening up all the lances of the grass, fact, every countenance wore a different The steely glint, the blue of the blue grass." aspect, and uneasiness of mind was plainly visible in the quick, hurried step area of 15,000 square miles or more, and nervous glances, though it had been over lime stone formation, seems to be decided that they should appear to the richest portion of the blue grass the Indiana.

Ten o'clock had been agreed upon as every eye was turned in the direction of smooth and round; the flower clusters while being carried home. the Indian neighborhood. Punctual to often have five or seven ounches from ceived them with his usual urbanity, is perennial, and throws off numerous ish wine to their employes, and but and when a stipulated number had entered, the gates were closed.

Pontiac seemed somewhat surprised

"Why does the big captain make so fight with my white brothers."

"Certainly, certainly," answered the major, blandly. "But the great chief grasses, and no amount of pasturing is The situation is a sad one in Switzerknows that the men must be exercised in time of peace as well as in war."

Pontiac bowed gravely, seeming satisfied with the answer; the major's frank demeanor left no room for suspicion. After the customary ceremonies Pontiac commenced his speech, and after a long tirade, highly compilmenting the whites, and hoping for a continuence of before," he added, quickly. I do not their friendship, he lowered his hand to over and hide beneath its covering lux. from the workman's tables, and the give the designated signal-that of drawing forth the belt of wampum.

At that instant the chief looked up and discovered the major and his attendants in the act of drawing their swords from their scabbards; while the troops, elenching their guus with firmness, and assuming attitudes of defence, assured him that his well-laid plot was suspected, if not entirely understood. With all his bravery the chieftain became confused, while every Indian showed unmistakable signs of artonish-

Finding the scheme brought to light and wishing to avoid an open discovery, the ceremony of passing the belt was

The commandant arore to reply. He did not reproach Pontiac for his treachory, but frankly told him he could not ensuare them; they knew his whole plan and were prepared for any emergency. The chief, now that he had regained his presence of mind, endeavored to ex-

cuse himself, and convince the major that they were still good friends to the whites and wished to remain so. The latter made no reply, but stepping to the warrior next him, drew aside his blanket, and pointed to the short gun, which thus became exposed. This silent proof of their taithlessnes was so

evident that it covered them with confu-Gladwin ordered Pontiac to leave the fort, or he would not answer for the consequences, as the indignation of the garrison had already begun to manifest itself. The chief, with his discomfited followers, did not wait for a second permission, but quickly departed withut a word. As the last disappeared and the gates were once more securely fastened, a sensation of gratitude filled every heart within the walls of the fort. Nor did they forget that they owed their almost miraculous escape from certain death to Minnis, the red daughter of the forest.

KENTUCKY BLUE GRASS.

The fellowing description of the character and habits of the many named June grasses, is from the pen of Major Alvord, in Part XVII. of Messrs. Cassell, Petter & Galpin's new work on Dairy Farming.

The Poa pratensis of the botanist has obtained very wide reputation, as the Kentucky thue grass, and led many into the mistaken belief that it was a peculiarly Americea grass, confined to the famous pastures of the region whence it derived its hame. On the contrary it is one of the most common grasses in nearly a parts of the country, being variously know, as June grass, green meadow grass, common spear grass, and Rhode Islan, Bent grass (?) and it is the well kn wn smooth stalked meadow glass, or greensward of England. There is n, grass which accome dates itself to any given locality with greater facility, whether it be the Mississippi Valley, New England, Canada, the shores of the Mediterranean, or the north of Russia. It is found thriving upon gravelly soils, alluvial bottoms, and stiff clay lands, in the permanent pastures of Missouri and along the roadsides of Minnesota. Soil and climate cause great variation in its size and appearance, and this protean habit acounts for the various names by which it is known. It probably attains its highest luxuriance and perfection as a

Of the fair plains where the sweet grad

Just grass, naught else; and where the nobl

been apprised of the treacherous plot For victory-the rare Kentucky speed that wins the race! The lovely rolling land of the the grass, The wild free park spread out by nature's

hand, That scarce an English dukedom may surpass Over the country miles and miles away, Dwarfs man-made parks to toys; the great

trees keep Their distance from each other, proud array Of single clms that stand apart to show How gracefully their sweeping branches grow While little swells of turf roll up and fall Like waves of summer sea, and over all You catch, when the straight shafts of sunset

The central part of Kentucky, an will furnish more late feed than most crease. rank in the full months, it will turn that as long asspirits were not removed

tucky wrote:-"Whoever has lime stone tented. to leave it unpastured, or but lightly lays money aside. cropped, where fully exposed to the sun

that feed upon it. The exact causes that produce these striking results are not traceable. According to the tables of analyses several other grasses should be more valuable, matters of experience, and their existence can not be questioned. When used for the meadow, as it is hard to cut and difficult to cure; the foliage is too short a dense, uniform mat of verdure, and sends out but one flowering stem a year; for this purpose it is thickly seeded and productive of blue grass are calcareous. Lime seems to be a natural stimulant to it and it flourishes best where this is abundantly supplied by nature. In a pasture that has an occasional out-cropping of lime stone, the sprigs of grass surrounding the rock are found more luxuriant than anywhere else. But it is far from true, as some times asserted, that blue grass flourishes only in a limestone country; in parts of Onio, where that of central Kentucky, the blue grass does not do as well, while in other parts of Ohio it is as luxuriant as in its best estate, and yet the bedded limestone lies beneath 100 feet of drift; and pas'ure ands abound in all the States adjoining Kentucky, especially Ohio, West Virgin ia, Tennessee, and Missouri, which carry a magnificent blue grass sward."

POTATO BRANDY.

Germany and Swiss Peasants Destroying A recent article in Nachrichten aus from Germany and Switzerland) gives and Switzerland in regard to the rapid increase in the consumption of whisky, and the consequent civil disturbances and physical injury to the working many, where the enjoyment of a good glass of whisky is not to be objected to, the worst kind of potato whisky has displaced the corn whisky; that is, the latter has on account of the unsatisfactory pasture grass in its apparent home, the harvest, risen so greatly in value that and differences. The events of the last preparations for defence. He repeated far-famed blue grass district of Ken- poorly paid workingmen cannot afford fifty years it is needless to recall. Toto buy it; but the North German holders of large estates provide in the most and despair, through rivers of blood, astrologers. As it occurs in the sign Taurus, which they say rules Turkey and despair, through rivers of blood, and Ireland, they feel safe, on account tucky, and it may be well to describe it to buy it; but the North German holders day how different. Through darkness

so heartily that in a short time he was to her munificence. The centennial an-A number of men, all under the influence Sundry interruptions occured, and the giant Republic. When the October vehicle was upset and fell on the drunken sun shall hereafter rise in its perennial a seat the entire party fell from the countless ages the witness of a nation's bridge and on top of their companion. gratitude, and as they fall upon each After unlimited trouble the man was rood of surface of this broad continent, got home. The next day he complained and finally sink in parting effalgence in manifest no suspicion in the presence of country. There its seed stalks are two of abdomiral pain, and, notwithstand- the deep bosom of the Pacific Ocean. to three feet high, with several long, ling good medical treatment, he died may we remember, and our children, parallel sided blades to each plant, and on Nov. 8. At the post mortem ex- and children's children after us rememthe hour for the council; and as the hands radical leaves, often numbering thirty amination no less than six broken ribs ber, the obligations we owe France for upon the dial indicated its nearness, to a stalk. The stems are slender, were discovered, injuries sustained our establishment and security in this

In South Germany, especially in the the time, Pontiac, with his thirty-six the same point, and the spikelets are Rhein region, has the indulgence in chiefs and a long train of warriors, from one-tenth to one-sixth of an inch schnapps greatly increased, as the ownmade their appearance. Gladwin re- long, three to five flowered. The root ers of the vineyards can no longer furnand long creeping nost-stalks, enabling little has been secured from the German it to form a dense matted turf. The vineyards, while the high duty precludes chief reputation of the Kentucky blue the importation of any cheap foreign at perceiving the troops under arms, is as a pasture grass; the sed is easily wine. Hardly any fruit wines were obobtained, and very enduring, there be- tained during the past year, and none as the commandant thought, slightly ing no such thing known as its running will be secured for several years for out on good land. Pastures sixty years during the past winter a great portion unbroken, afford their owners an annual of the fruit trees were destroyed by the much parade?" asked the chief of Glad- profit of at least ten dollars an acre. It cold. A number of years will elapse ere win. 'I come to talk and smoke, not to starts very early in the spring, and the damage is repaired. Meanwhile, grows rapidly after being grazed off; it the consamption of whisky will in-

sufficient to utterly destroy it. Esten land, also. Swiss physicians have askuntil no appearance of it is seen on the ed that the allowance of drink to the covered with the soft, green foliage. It in the size of the Swiss as a race, as endures the frosts of winter better than compared with former times, and the uriant croppings, often available in the milk can did not resume its former place, so long would the people retrograde, and give place to another race that would be less bold, venturesome. An eminent cattle breeder in Ken- and enterprising, and more easily con-Another cause for complaint land has blue grass; whoever has blue was found in the fact that many work-men openly declared that they would grass has the basis of all agricultural rather endure the pangs of cornal prosperity; and that man if he has not punishment than work at the present the finest horses, cattle and sheep, has low rate of wages. This felling and the large consumption of whisky were no one to blame but himself." Severe together the cause of the alarming droughts injure the blue grass, yet it situation. Is it the fault of the governgrows as far South as the hilly parts of ment or the employer that the Swiss Georgia and Alabama, and in Arkansas; not however as vigorously as farther While the German or Swiss is obliged North. In seasons of drought it is usual to incur debt on such wages, the Italian

ishing properties, and eattle will fatten articles of capitulation, which were upon it, unless it has been drenched with brought to them by Col. Tilghman, one dogmas. So the belief, or at least the rains. It makes little growth during the of his aides-de-camp, walked in proceshottest weeks, unless there is an unusual sion, attended by an immense concourse amount of moisture in the soil, but the of people, to the Dutch Lutheran 1st of September a strong second growth | Church, to return thanks to the God of commences, which continues till the nations and or battles for the victory. ground is frozen. Blue grass exerts a A day was set for national thanksgiving truly wonderful power on the animals and prayer, and proclaimed. On the 26th of Ostober thanks were voted to rhymes has probably done at least as the Generals, the officers and men. Two much to disturb the equanimity of credstands of royal colors taken were voted to Washington, in the name of the but the force and uniformity of the United States; two pieces of field ordoperation of blue grass feeding are nance were presented to Count Rochambeau, with a brief but suitable inscripfor hay, it is cut just as the seed begins to ripen, and if well cured, it then makes excelent feed and is highly telished. Blue cross can not be requested to ask the King, in the name of the Congress, to permit the Count ed. Blue grass can not be recommended de Grasse to receive a similar testimonial. A horse properly caparisoned and and too light after being dried. It is an elegant sword were given to the galan excellent grass for lawns, as it makes | lant Tilghman, the messenger of tidings. Later, a medal was struck at Paris, under the direction of Franklin, the kept closely mown. The lands most American Minister at the Court of Verailles, with the device of the infant Hercules strangling two serpents, indicative of the enfolding and capture of the armies of Burgoyne and Cornwal is, and in perpetual memory of the event Congress resolved to erect at Yorktown a marble column adorned with emblems of the alliance between the United States and his most Christian Majesty. the geological formation is the same as The Dake de Rochefoucauld-Landcourt, who visited the battle-field in 1796, noting the absence of the monument, remarks in a tone of natural bitterness the continents, until it reaches the Pathat the resolution for its creation was cific Ocean. The narrow Atlantic was that the resolution for its creation was as entirely torgotten as many of the American people would be glad to forget the services it was intended to commemorate. Adequate apology for the national neglect is impossible, but there is extenuation. The French Revolution, though founded on principles of liberty and justice, drifted far from the pure intentions of its authors. The Christian Deutschland und der Schweiz (News Majesty whose generous intervention endeared him to the American people an account of the spread of the whisky fell beneath the guillotine. The imperpest. Complaints are coming in from ial policy which upset and followed the different parts of Germany, Austria, Revolution was not friendly to republican government, and, on occasions directly hostile to the interests and dignity of the United States. The Restoration had neither the respect nor the sympaclasses. In the north and east of Ger- thy of freemen, and when at last Lathy of freemen, and when at last La-fayette himself set a civic crown on the tention for the next twelve months. the head of the citizen king, and harmonized for a time the royal authority with the liberty of the people, a half century had passed with its alignation

indulging in whisky to a liberal extent Illumining the World. We cannot be at a popular resort. One of them drank | deaf to her call, we must not be blind procured and the man placed upon it. spirit is revived. The national wealth and power and pride are at their zenith. of whisky, endeavored to take him home. The infant Hercules has become the man. As a bridge was reached the course may its morning rays as they wagon was again upset, and in the at- lift from the Atlantic waves gild the tempt to place the unconscious man on spotless shaft which shall stand for vast heritage.

THE TERRIBLE YEAR.

The World to an end shall come

-Mother Shipton's Prophecy. It would be difficult to describe all the inister predictions that have, as by common consent, been concentrated upon the coming year. The soothsayers, divines, oracle-makers, astrologers and wizards seem to have combined to cast their speil upon it. Superstitious peo-ple of every sort, and some who are not willing to admit that they are superstiple of every sort, and some who are not willing to admit that they are superstitious, regard the year 1881 with more or less anxious expectation and dread. As the earth, on New Year's Day, swings out into another round about the sun, it will go to meet a host of evil omens. It will go cursed by theomancy and bibliomancy. Aeromancy and meteoro-mancy will glare at it from comets and shooting stars. Oheiromaney will inground, the earth in a few days is again soldiers be diminished. The decrease tercept its path with visions of evil, and nominey will shake the ominous, backward reading numerals "1881" before it. It will be beset with scarcerow figany other grass on the continent, and light muscle of the rising generation, ures by arithmancy, and the menacing therefore pushes its way northward into the Arctic circle; if allowed to grow rank in the full months, it will turn over and hide beneath its covering lux.

In the standard generation, is wholly attributed to the consumption of the Standard, and Urinary Decades by stichemancy. Yet there is no reason why persons of good digestion or eason why persons of good digestion, fleadache and all Blions Attacks. Try them, and be night confident that, after having encountered the average quantity of storm and discontinued that they are the best recilience ever used. Sold by all druggists, at fifty cents a countered the average quantity of storm. countered the average quantity of storm

Timid persons first begin to look forward with some slarm to the year that is about to open, when, several years ago, the key to the so-called prophetic symbolism of the Great Pyramid of Egypt was made public, backed by the name and reputation of the British astronomer, Piazzi Smyth. Others, using Mr. Smyth's observations and n asurements, have gone much further than he did in drawing startling intererces; but no one can read his book without per ceiving how powerfully it mus effect those who have the slightest leaning to. ward superstition or credulity. Besides, this record of explorations and experiences in the heart of Egypt's greatest during the months of July and August.

But the grass thus left, although it often becomes dry enough to burn, is greedi
ception of Washington's letter with the world of readers, and by the nature of breaking-day, and world of readers, and by the nature of complete days were considered to the second of the complete days were considered to the second of the complete days and the constant of the complete days are the constant of the complete days and the constant of the complete days are the comp the human mind. Many of its readers were sure to be imbued with its ominous suspicion, spread the secret chambers the Great Pyramid, under divine guidance by the most mystical character in all history, Mclohisedek, King of Salem, foretell, among other things, that the Christian era will end in 1881.

Mother Shipton's so-called prophecy fixes upon the same date for the end of the world. The ominous jingle of her ulous persons as the more elaborate vaticinations of the pyramid interpret-ers. Moreover, Mother Shipton is represented as foretelling that in the latter days England will "accept a Jew."
As England has, with considerable emchasis, and more than once, accepted the remarkable son of old Isaac Disraeli for her Prime Minister, this has been as a fulfillment of the prophecy. So Lord Beaconsfield's dramatic personality is made a principal figure in the murky cloud of evil prophecy that hangs

over 1881. As if the evil eye of Mother Shipton and the mystical menace of the Great Pyramid were not enough for one poowelvementh to bear, the "horrors o the perihelia" have been denounced upon the coming year. About two years ago certain pamphlets were circu-lated about the country, purporting to be written by men of science, and predicting that awful consequences to mankind would result from all the great planets reaching their perihelia, or nearest points to the sun, together. According to these prophets, the sinis-ter effects of the perihelia were to begin making their appearance last Fall, when Jupiter passed its perihelion, and this year the scythe of death is to be put to the harvest in the far East, and to sweep westward, with a swathe as broad as path of this terrible harvester. Plagues, pestilences, famines, fires, earthquakes, floods and tornadoes were to scourge the human race until only a few re-mained, like Noab and his family, to re-people the earth with a sturdier and more God-fearing race.
Still the astrological almanaes for this

year are repeating substantially the same predictions of evil things to begin, i not to culminate, in 1881. as they say, the ravages of the Black Death in the middle ages followed the nearly coincident perihalian of four great planets, they predict similar con-sequences from the configuration of the planets now. But neither in their premises nor their inferences does

fn truth, however, the astrologer not less than the astronomers and all star-gazers, will have plenty of phenon-The sky will not present such brilliant pageants again this century. There will be a remarkable series of conjunctions. The most interesting of these is the great twenty-year conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in April. This conjunction is one of the strongholds of the

"liberal" way "a poor man's drink," France has risen to self-government and for a nominally low rate they produce potato brandy, of which even the poorest of workman can buy more than is every condition of existance. Firm and Jupiter, Saturn and Venus; good for him. Especially in Upper Silesia has the whisky pest secured foothold, which is evidenced by numerous newspaper reports. One paper states that on Nov. 1 a number of men were states that on Nov. 1 a number of men were states that on Nov. 1 a number of men were states that on Nov. 1 a number of men were states that on Nov. 1 a number of men were states that on Nov. 1 a number of men were states that on Nov. 1 a number of men were states that on Nov. 1 a number of men were states to us the hand of friendship. She recalls to us the hand of friendship. She recalls to us the glory of the elder time. She acknowledges to us her debt of example, and erects appear to us the hand of friendship. She recalls to us the glory of the elder time. She acknowledges to us her debt of example, and erects appear to us the hand of friendship. She recalls to us the glory of the elder time. She acknowledges to us her debt of example, and erects appear to us the far-away giants. Uranus and Neptune, will a play part in this remark able planetary leves. Venus will reach her greatest brightness in the Spring, and will be so brilling to the state of the planetary leves.

delicate crescent will be a favorite object in the amateur astronomer's telescope. Saturn will open still wider its wonderful rings, and will be one of the unable to stand up. A vehicle was niversary draws on apace. The national chief attractions of the evening sky for several months. Jupiter will not lose much of his present brilliancy before he becomes a morning star in April. Mars will begin to brighten in the latter part of the year, and then his snowy poles and shadowy continents will again become the admiration of those who gaze through telescopes. In short, there will be no end of attractions in the starry heavens, and all the prognostications of the soothsayers will not be able to darken the sky of 1881.

> Buckwheat Cakes - Take as much warm water as you will require for the size of the family; thicken this with good buckwheat to a fritter batter; add a teaspoonful of salt, if two quarts are made, two handfuls of corn meal, and one wine-glass of good yeast; it is much better made with boiled milk; but be careful to let the milk be only warm, not to scald the yeast or they will be

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